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For: A METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE
FINITE ELEMENT DISCRETIZATION OF
ARBITRARY WEAK EQUATIONS,
INVOLVING LOCAL OR NON-LOCAL
MULTIPHYSICS COUPLING

Examiner: Luke R. Osborne

**FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Information Disclosure Statement be entered, and the references listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

This application is a continuation in part of U.S. patent application no. 09/995,222, filed on November 27, 2001, which is herein incorporate by reference, and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/253,154, filed on November 27, 2000, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, and which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/675,778, filed September 29, 2000, which is based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/222,394, filed on August 2, 2000, which are both herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), any necessary copies are enclosed. However, in accordance with the October 12, 2004 Official Gazette Notice, copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published application references are no longer required, and thus, are not enclosed.

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This Fourth Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of a first Office action on the merit, but before the mailing date of an action that closes prosecution of the present application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a fee of \$180 accompanies this submission by authorization to charge the deposit account number identified below. No other fees are believed due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due or credit any overpayments (except the issue fee), while this application is pending, to Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 801939-000112.

Respectfully submitted,

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